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NEWSLETTER OF THE DOVER/KENT COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## Where We've Been....

### The MPO Council:

Mayor Robin R. Christiansen  
**Chairman**  
City of Dover

Michael J. Petit de Mange  
**Vice Chairman**  
(for President Brooks Banta)  
Kent County Levy Court

Mayor Anthony Moyer,  
City of Harrington  
(for Kent County municipalities)

John Sisson, for the  
Delaware Transit Corporation

Drew Boyce, for Sec. Jennifer Cohan  
Delaware Department of  
Transportation

Terry Pepper (for Governor John  
Carney)

### MPO Staff:

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### **2020 UPWP Draft is now published**

The Dover/Kent MPO announces the draft for the 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is now published for review. The 2020 UPWP outlines the projects and programs the MPO plans to address in the next fiscal year. The UPWP draft is available on the MPO website ([www.doverkentmpo.org](http://www.doverkentmpo.org)) for review and comments. All comments must be received before March 6, 2019 when the MPO Council will vote to adopt the budget and the outlines of the UPWP.

All comments may be submitted on the website under suggestion box, by email [helen.wiles@doverkentmpo.org](mailto:helen.wiles@doverkentmpo.org) or by phone (302) 387-6030.

### **2018 Annual Report and Fact Book now available!**

The 2018 Annual Report and Fact Book is now available online. There is a version that can be viewed and read online, and there is a version that can be printed off in booklet form from your computer. If you would like a hardcopy of the report or several copies to hand out at your location, please contact Helen Wiles.

### **"Invisible Girl" Premiers**

"Invisible Girl" is a new safety video presented by the MPO. The video focuses on the fact that wearing dark clothes while walking at night renders you almost invisible to oncoming cars. The Invisible Girl can be found on the DoverKentMPO You Tube Channel. More safety videos to come!



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## Where We're Headed....

### **MAPITT is Coming!**

MAPITT stands for Mobility Asset or Public Issue Transportation Tracker. It will be a crowdsourcing map that will allow citizens to report any transportation issue from their smartphone, tablet or computer by pinning it on a map and filling out a brief questionnaire. They will also be able to post a picture. MAPITT should be online within the next couple of weeks.

### **New Policy Regarding Performance Measures for MPO Staff**

Reed Macmillan, Executive Director of the Dover Kent MPO will be presenting a new policy regarding employee pay increases and performance measures. In the past, the MPO has relied on State policies for various personnel issues, and Mr. Macmillan was asked to create written policies by the council.

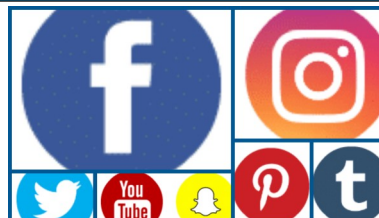
### **Public Participation Plan**

"In accordance with 23 CFR 450.316, a [metropolitan planning organization](#) (MPO) is required to engage in a metropolitan planning process that creates opportunities for public involvement, participation, and consultation throughout the development of the [Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#) (MTP) and the [Transportation Improvement Program](#) (TIP). Under this requirement, MPOs must allow for: adequate public notice of public participation activities; review and comment at key decision points in the development of the MTP and TIP; and multiple, accessible participation formats, including electronic and in-person. The MPO should develop a collaborative and comprehensive Public Participation Plan, in full collaboration with the public and stakeholder communities, to be used in the development of the MTP and TIP, as well as to frame the strategies for public and stakeholder communication and collaboration in all phases of the planning process. The Participation Plan itself must be prepared by the MPO with a 45-day public review and comment period." Our 2019 Public Participation Plan will be coming soon.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

|                               |                          |                         |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>TAC: February 12, 2019</b> | <b>PAC:</b>              | <b>MPO COUNCIL</b>      |
| <b>10AM—12PM</b>              | <b>February 21, 2019</b> | <b>March 6, 2019</b>    |
| <b>Camden Town Hall</b>       | <b>6PM—7:30PM</b>        | <b>3PM—5PM</b>          |
|                               | <b>Camden Town Hall</b>  | <b>Camden Town Hall</b> |

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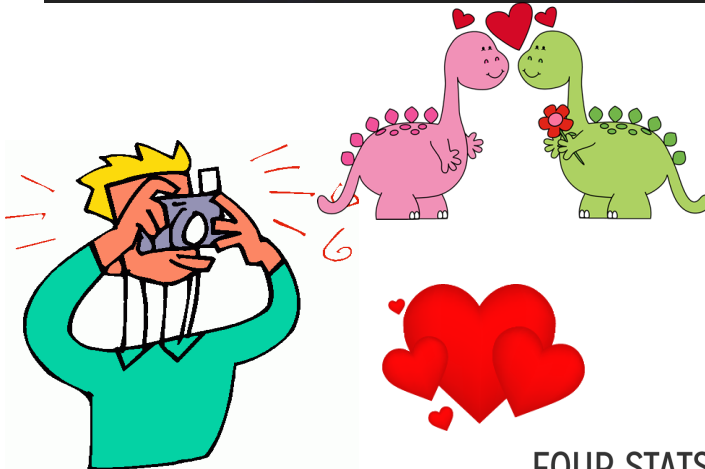




MAPITT teaser ads are on all social media



Cover for the 2018 Annual Report and Fact Book



**We would love to see you on this page!**

Post your pics on Social Media and tag #DoverKentMPO

## FOUR STATS TO KNOW ABOUT WINTER DRIVING



How full, at least, to keep your gas tank in winter. This will help keep your gas lines from freezing up.



The stopping distance on ice when the weather is zero degrees Fahrenheit compared to when the weather is 32 degrees.



**38,770**

The average number of people injured each year from 2005 to 2014 in crashes that were caused by icy roads.\*



**739**

The average number of people killed each year from 2005 to 2014 in crashes that were caused by snow or sleet.\*

\*Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration